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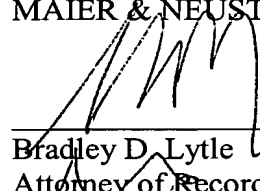
After Applicant's provisional election of species and entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-16 are withdrawn and Claims 17-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 17-21 are amended and Claims 22-28 are added by the present amendment, without introduction of any new matter.

More particularly, Claims 17-21 are amended to clarify the claimed features and to correct matters of form. New Claims 22-24 are added to remove the multiple dependency of Claim 21. New Claims 25-28 correspond to Claims 21-24, but are directed to the claimed guide pin, instead of the optical connector connecting method.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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